

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 10, 11, 16-18, 21-31, 33, 34, 38, 43, and 45-47 are amended. Claims 1-49 are in the application for consideration.

Applicant disagrees with the drawings objection. The designated layer 30 in Fig. 1 is referred to in the specification in paragraph [0030]. Accordingly, the drawings objection is in error, and should be withdrawn. Action to that end is requested.

Applicant also disagrees with respect to an alleged lack of antecedent basis regarding Applicant's initial reference to "trimethylsilane" in claims 1, 21 and 38, without the article "a". Trimethylsilane is a specific compound, and it is not seen why the article "a" needs to be provided prior to such word. There is no issue of antecedent basis with respect to Applicant's recitation of flowing trimethylsilane to the chamber. Further and regardless, Applicant's claims do not preclude other materials from flowing to the chamber, but do necessarily require flowing of the stated materials. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection with respect to claims 1, 21 and 38.

Applicant's independent claims 1, 21 and 38 are amended to change "positioning" to --providing-- with respect to the substrate within a deposition chamber. These and other claims are also amended to insert more preferred and grammatically correct hyphenation. Certain of Applicant's dependent claims are also amended to insert the article "the" before "second".

A Supplemental Disclosure Statement is included herewith.

This application is believed to be in proper form and condition for allowance, and action to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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